The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation do not monitor the implementation status of all irrigation projects. Irrigation projects are undertaken and monitored by the Ministry of Water Resources. This Ministry monitors implementation status of only those irrigation projects which are taken up under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), as implemented by the various State Governments.

Contribution of cattle industry to GDP

†2835. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of cattle industry in Gross Domestic Products is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, the percentage thereof in the beginning and at the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the estimated number of people engaged in this sector, directly and indirectly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The share of livestock sector in GDP was 4.8 per cent in the 1st year of Tenth FiveYear Plan (2002-03) and stands at 4.4 per cent in 2004-05 (the data available for the latest year). The Tenth Five Year Plan ends at 2006-07.

(c) The estimated number of workers in "farming of animals", as per the rates based on 60th round (January-June, 204) of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) is of the order of 1.8 crore.

MPLAD scheme

2836. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPLDS is still useful and a popular scheme in the field despite the complaint of misuse by a few Members;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) what are the effective steps taken to avert the misuse if any, by a very few Members;

(c) whether a study has been made to assess the effect of the monitoring Committee on MPLADS, why it was not made effective but almost defunct; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there has been increasing demand and pressure for the increase of MPLADS grant per year and if so, whether it would not be considered favourably particularly when it is so popular and useful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir. MPLADS is a useful Scheme.

(b) The Guidelines on MPLADS have been revised comprehensively to make this Scheme more transparent. As and when complaints is received about misuse of MPLADS funds, the same is got investigated by the concerned district/State authorities and action is taken against the defaulters. Role of all concerned authorities has been clearly mentioned in the Guidelines.

(c) Yes Sir. The Programme Evaluation Organization (PEO) of the Planning Commission has made a study in November 2001 to assess the effect of the monitoring Committee on MPLADS. On the basis of the ;unds, the recommendations of the PEO, a provision has been made in the revised Guidelines on MPLADS for constitution of a Committee under the Chairpmanship of the Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary to review MPLADS implementation progress with the district authorities and MPs at least once in a year.

(d) Yes. Sir. There is demand from some Members of Parliament to increase the annual funding for MPLADS. For the year 2006-07, Rs. 1589 crore have been budegeted under MPLADS.

Demolition at MG Road

2837. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi carried out demolition at 1 & 2 MG Road stating that they are unauthorised constructions; and